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From: P. Scott Jones, President
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It is our understanding that the proposed regulations indicate that stretcher vans would not be used for patients who require medical monitoring. I can not think of any patient in the SNF that doesn't need medical monitoring! Even if transportation is used for physician visits or diagnostic testing, our patients are acutely ill and need transportation provided by skilled professionals.

If DHEC requires SNF facilities to provide licensed nurses 24/7, why would the medical needs of these patients be any less when being transported for medical appointments?

The SCNHA on behalf of the Long Term Care Industry is requesting that reconsideration be given in the proposed regulation which supports untrained drivers that are "not required or authorized to provide medical monitoring, medical aid, medical care or medical treatment of passengers during their transport". It is the position of the SCNHA that the mode of transportation is inappropriate for patients requiring skilled care services.

Sincerely,

P. Scott Jones, President
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